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PRODUCTION OF MUSHROOM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being run by the Government to boost mushroom production;

(b) the details of mushroom production and export recorded during the last three years;

(c) the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to promote the cultivation of mushroom and its export?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Government of India, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation implemented ascheme during 9th Plan (Till September, 2000) on mushroom production providing financial assistance to states/UTs. Since October, 2000 the scheme has been subsumed in macro management scheme of agriculture-Supplementation/ Complementation of states Efforts through work plans. The programmes of the mushroom production scheme could now be pursued by the states/UTs through their work plans as per their needs. Under this scheme states have greater flexibility to priorities their needs.

Besides, National Horticulture Board is providing financial assistance forproduction of mushroom under their scheme `Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and post-harvest management`.

(b) & (c): As per available estimates of National Research Centre for Mushroom,Solan, the production of Mushroom during 1994-95 was 25,190 tonnes, 40,000 tonnes (1996-97) and 47,150 tonnes (1999-2000).

Export of Mushroom during last three year is as under:-

Year	Quantity (MTs)	Value (Rs. in Lakhs)
1998-1999	3182	1201.63
1999-2000	4420	1199.89
2000-2001	7598	3919.52

(d): The schemes as indicated in part (a) of the reply help in promoting cultivation of mushrooms in the country. In addition to this, National Research Centre for MushroomsSolan, have programmes for trainings and make available quality spawn to the growers of Mushrooms. The Centre has also initiated a correspondence course on mushroom incollaboration with Indira Gandhi National Open University.

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development AuthorityMinistry of Commerce and Industry is promoting export of mushroom providing financial assistance to exporters.